

REMARKS

Restriction was required between Claim Group I, claims 1-6, 8-13, 15, 16, 18 and 19, relating to a method of coating a rivet and riveting work pieces together, and Claim Group II, claims 7, 14 and 17, relating to a rivet.

Applicant provisionally elects Claim Group I, claims 1-6, 8-13, 15, 16, 18 and 19, for purposes of examination, with traverse.

Applicant traverses the restriction requirement on the following grounds. It was asserted in the Office Action that the invention of Claim Group II could be made by another and materially different process, and MPEP 806.05(f) was cited. The Examiner suggested that the product could be made without a pre-washing step. A step of washing rivets with a solution containing chromic acid and a fluorine compound is recited in independent method Claim 1, and a step of washing rivets with a solution containing oxidation inhibition material is recited in method Claim 4. A step of pre-treating rivets to provide a clean surface free from oxidation or contamination is recited in independent method Claim 15, and this is defined in dependent claim 19 as involving chromic acid anodizing of the rivets. No such step of pre-washing or even pre-treatment is recited in independent method claims 8 and 11. It is therefore respectfully submitted that a pre-washing step or even a pre-treatment step is not required by Claim Group 1, so that the product of Claim Group II does not differ from or conflict with Claim Group I with regard to a requirement for a pre-washing or even a pre-treatment step. It is therefore

respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement is not proper, and that the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

In light of the foregoing remarks, examination of the application on the merits and an early favorable action are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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